

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
July 12, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission, originally scheduled for July 6, 2010, but not held due to lack of a quorum, was held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 12, 2010, at the Jasper Arts Center. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Gary Moeller, Kendall Martin, Norma Kreilein, Nanette Parsons, Sherry Monesmith and Mickey Seger. **Commission Members Absent:** Greg Stoner, Robin Norris, Pat Thyen, and Don Weisheit. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Karen Grewe, Doreen Lechner, and Corina Mack. **City Attorney:** Sandy Hemmerlein. **Guests in attendance:** Herald Reporter Kasey Hawrysz and Charles Parker. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nanette Parsons moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting. **Mickey Seger** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

City Financial Statement

Kendall Martin moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Nanette Parsons** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Mike Jones asked for any public business. Charles Parker, guest, asked if there were any editions of the *Military Review of Dubois County* (volumes 1 & 2) on site or a US flag painted on the wall with a troop under it to pay tribute to veterans? It was explained we have a flag on display in the Green Room at all times. Copies of the *Military Review of Dubois County* (volumes 1 & 2) can be found at the library. A suggestion was made to move the flag to the gallery so it can be viewed by the public. This will be done.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- Kit introduced Corina Mack as the new Program Coordinator/Technical Assistant. The board welcomed her.
- Mike and Kit presented the proposed budget to the City Council. It will not be final until the City Council approves it.
- An article for a youth advisory group was in the Herald. Kit reported she has had 5 responses from youth expressing interest.
- Kit handed out information on the Special Events for the 2010/2011 season. Special events are events that do not fit into ordinary categories, such as art lectures, the volunteer thank you reception, movies, etc. When we present a movie, it is usually one that the public can't get locally and one that ties in with other scheduled events. Two movies are planned for this season. *Billy Elliot*, a movie about a boy and his dream to dance, is scheduled for November 4, 2010, and ties in with the Dance Kaleidoscope performance. The second movie, *The Red Balloon*, is tied in with Youth Art Month and scheduled for March 19, 2011. Other special events being planned are Brown Bag with the Arts, an arts exposure series. Brown Bag activities are very popular at museums and art centers. They can be demonstrations or informational presentations on a variety of topics. They will be held during lunch at a cost of \$5.00 for beverage and dessert. Bring a friend for free. We are looking at offering 4 of these, with the first in September.

- *Note: At 4:54 p.m., Norma Kreilein arrived at the meeting.*
- **Gary Moeller** moved to accept the recommendation for the special events calendar for 2010-2011. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Discussion of strategic plan held to be discussed later in the meeting.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported.

- Doreen passed out the JAC facility rental rate schedule and gave a brief explanation of the rates, components of rentals, and number of staff involved in rentals. The 'all day' rate was originally designed for: a load in, rehearsal and one performance. We have several renters who now want to do a technical rehearsal and 2 performances - all in one day, stretching the day well beyond 8 hours. Doreen asked the board to consider whether the 'all day' rental should extend up to 15 hours, which is starting to happen, or whether a day is an 8 hour time frame and a second performance would/should involve an additional fee. Discussion followed. Doreen's recommendation is that the 'all day' rate be 8 hours. Adding a second performance would be an additional event charge.
- The rate schedule is a city ordinance issue. Sandy Hemmerlein suggested that she, Doreen, Kit and Mike Jones look at the rates and bring suggestions back in resolution form to the next commission meeting for discussion and examination in August.
- **Mike Jones** moved to define 'all day' as 8 hours. **Nanette Parson** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- **Norma Kreilein** moved to authorize Kit, Sandy, Doreen and Mike to get together to research modifying the fees in the rate schedule ordinance and bring back to the board at the August meeting. **Gary Moeller** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- The Strassenfest committee has proposed to Doreen a whole new schedule for its event that now clearly doesn't fit in the rate schedule by adding an additional pageant event. Doreen suggested that a special price for this year's event is needed (this type of event schedule will be considered in possible changes to the ordinance for the future).
- **Gary Moeller** moved to charge the Strassenfest Committee an additional fee of \$250. Discussion followed. **Norma Kreilein** seconded. Motion was defeated 6-1.
- After additional discussion, **Sherry Monesmith** moved to charge the Strassenfest Committee an additional technical rehearsal fee of \$120 for Community Non-Arts Organizations in order to stay consistent with what has been done in the recent past and also to give the subcommittee time to develop a new policy. **Nanette Parsons** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Education Report

No report.

Visual Arts Report

Kit reported for Amy.

- The Dubois County Art Guild reception was held yesterday and was well attended. This exhibit always brings a lot of visitors to the gallery.

Program Coordinator Report

No report.

Old Business

- Mike asked for an update on the season guides. Kit reported the guide is at the printers. We should have it back next week, and it will be sent out to season ticket holders. The week after that it will be mailed to everyone else.

- Kit reported that our summer intern has been designing our bookmarks.
- The billboards should be up the last week of this month and will be up for 9 weeks. Kit is working on a grant with tourism to possibly fund additional billboards in Louisville or Evansville.
- Nanette Parsons will attend the City Council meeting this month.

New Business

Kit reviewed the strategic plan with the board. It is a working document. Some questions and discussion followed.

Adjournment

Gary Moeller moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. **Kendall Martin** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Mike Jones

Attested